What Is myStudentFinance? DUO Student Finance Help Without the Paperwork Stress

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myStudentFinance is a private consultancy that helps students claim the Dutch government student finance they are entitled to, without getting lost in DUO's paperwork. If you are studying in the Netherlands and the application process feels confusing — the forms, the parental income documents, the deadlines, the risk of rejection — this is the problem the service exists to solve.

In plain terms: DUO is the Dutch government body that pays out student finance, and applying is free if you do it yourself. **myStudentFinance** is the assisted route. Its team prepares your application, checks every document, submits on your behalf, and stays with you if something goes wrong. You are paying for expertise and error-proofing, not for access to the grant itself.

What problem does myStudentFinance solve?

For many international students, the DUO application is the single most stressful part of moving to the Netherlands. The forms assume you already understand Dutch systems. The Supplementary Grant requires parental income and tax documents that are easy to get wrong. A small mistake can mean weeks of delay — or an outright rejection at the exact moment you need the money most.

myStudentFinance removes that burden. Rather than guessing your way through unfamiliar forms in a second language, you hand the paperwork to people who process these applications daily. According to the company, expert review reduces submission time by up to 70% and most applications are submitted within 24 hours of your documents being ready.

How does myStudentFinance work?

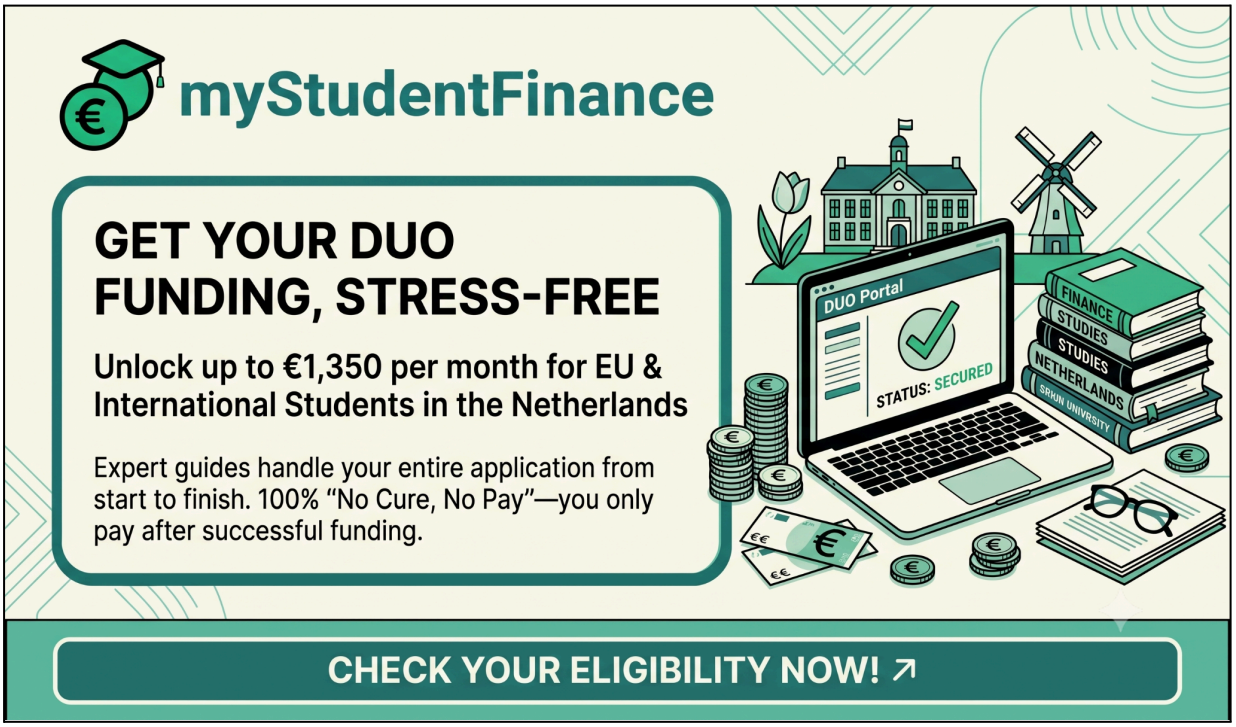
The service follows three simple steps, designed so you always know what happens next.

• **Step 1 —** Eligibility check. A free check tells you, in under three minutes, whether you are likely eligible for student finance of up to €1,350 per month before you commit to anything.

• **Step 2 —** Application. The team gathers every required document and form, prepares an expert-reviewed application, and submits it on your behalf — with tracking so you can follow progress.

• **Step 3 —** Results. You are charged only after your grant has been secured. If an application is unfairly rejected, myStudentFinance helps you file a complaint and can escalate to partner law firms.

That final point is the reassuring one for anyone nervous about cost: the model is built so the risk of a failed application sits with the service, not with you.



What does myStudentFinance cost?

Pricing follows a no cure, no pay principle. There is nothing to pay today and nothing to pay while your application is in progress. According to [myStudentFinance](), once your first student finance payment arrives, the company collects a one-time fee of 59.99% (incl. VAT) of that first payout — and if your application is rejected, there is no cost to you at all.

Because the fee is a share of your first payment rather than a fixed price, the amount scales with the size of your award. The full terms, including the rare exceptions noted on the site, are set out in the company's Service Agreement, which is worth reading before you sign up.

Handling the Supplementary Grant paperwork correctly is one of the clearest reasons students use the service, since it depends on parental income and tax documents that are easy to misfile.

Is myStudentFinance affiliated with DUO?

No. myStudentFinance is an independent consultancy and is not affiliated with DUO or any government organisation. It is a registered Dutch company (KVK 90722558) based in Tilburg. It is important to understand the distinction: applying through DUO directly is always free, and myStudentFinance is an optional paid service for students who would rather have the process handled and checked by specialists.

The company is also transparent that it cannot guarantee a grant — eligibility is ultimately DUO's decision. What it offers is a higher chance of a clean, correct application and support if things go wrong. According to myStudentFinance, it reports a 90% success rate and has helped over 1,000 international students.

Who is myStudentFinance for?

The service is aimed at international and EU students studying, or about to study, in the Netherlands who want help navigating DUO. It is especially useful if you are applying for the Supplementary Grant, if you have already been rejected and need to appeal, or if you simply do not have the time or confidence to work through Dutch-language forms on your own. Students comfortable handling the application themselves can, of course, apply directly through DUO at no cost.

Frequently asked questions

Is myStudentFinance legitimate?

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Do I have to pay anything upfront?

No. According to myStudentFinance, there is no upfront payment. A one-time success fee of 59.99% (incl. VAT) of your first payout applies only once your grant is secured.

What happens if my application is rejected?

myStudentFinance helps you file a complaint with DUO and can escalate eligible cases to partner law firms. If the application is unsuccessful, there is no cost to you.

Can I apply for DUO student finance without myStudentFinance?

Yes. Applying directly through the DUO website is free. myStudentFinance is an optional paid service for students who want expert preparation and support.

Does myStudentFinance guarantee I will get a grant?

No. Eligibility is decided by DUO. The service works to maximise your chances with a correctly prepared application and handles appeals where needed.

The bottom line

If the DUO application is what stands between you and the student finance you are entitled to, myStudentFinance exists to take that weight off your shoulders. It prepares and checks your paperwork, submits on your behalf, and only charges once your grant comes through — so the pressure of getting the forms exactly right stops being yours alone.

The sensible first step costs nothing: run the free eligibility check to see whether you qualify for up to €1,350 a month, then decide whether the assisted route is right for you.

Note: Figures such as the €1,350 monthly amount, 90% success rate, 59.99% success fee and number of students helped are stated by myStudentFinance and are subject to change and to individual eligibility. Applying directly via DUO is free. This article is informational and reflects publicly available information from mystudentfinance.eu as at August 2026; verify current fees, terms and eligibility with the provider and DUO before applying.